

A Lesson In Christmas Spirit

It was the day before Christmas last year. All my shopping had been done (or so I thought) when I suddenly remembered hearing my eldest son, a lad of eight years, say, "Oh, I hope Santa will bring me a harmonicon this Christmas," says a writer in the New York Evening Sun.

Of course I could not disregard such a wish, and, although it was raining, I put on my storm coat and rubbers and with umbrella in hand started out for one of our large department stores.

On arriving at the counter where this particular article was displayed I found every one so busy I could not



The Two Boys Looked at Me.

get attention for some time, and while waiting my turn I noticed two sadly neglected little boys of about six and eight years respectively standing very close to the counter and looking, oh, so longingly at these same harmonicons, when suddenly one of the young saleswomen turned sharply around and in a loud voice said, "Now, then, if you two boys don't get away from here at once I'll call the floor-walker and have you arrested." At the time this sudden attack was made upon these poor little waifs I was holding in my hands two of these same musical instruments, trying to decide which of the two kinds I would take.

The larger one of the boys looked up at me with a frightened look, as if to say, "Oh, we didn't mean to steal anything," when I said, "Boys, would you each like one of these harmonicons?" They said nothing, but the look of surprise (gratitude they knew nothing of) when I put one in each boy's dirty little hands I shall not forget to my dying day, and before you could say "Jack Robinson" they were out of the store and out of sight. I turned to the young woman, saying, "I will pay for them," when I noticed the tears in her eyes.

When she finally found her voice she said, "Oh, madam, I am so sorry I spoke as I did." "Well, never mind," I said; "you didn't mean to steal. I am the mother of two boys and know what a boy craves." When she handed me my change and package she said, "I shall never forget this day; it has taught me a lesson."

Tuning Up For Christmas.

With a whirl and a swirl and a terrible roar
It blew in at evening from an arctic shore;
Traffic it blocked and the treacherous street
Glisters and twinkles with silvery sleet.

Dolls in armies and soldiers a plenty
Gifts for kiddies and sweet and twenty;
Gifts for grannies and aunts and
Dads,
Gifts for using and losing and fads!
Gifts for nurses and chauffeurs and
cooks,
Gifts for bookworms, who read all
their books!

Gifts for sinners and sneerers and
saints,
Tops for spinners and pastels and
paints,
Music, mechanical, mirrors or lamps,
Turkeys for orphans and newsboys
and tramps.

Gifts that are fluffy and gifts that are
grim;
A necklace for Jessie, a scarpin for
Jim,
Full sets of the classics and gleaming
gold pieces
Suitable—very—for sweet little nieces,
Calendars, virtuosa, witty or wise,
Flowers and bonbons and puddings
and pies!

Cynics there be who deride and defy
them,
But we, in our dreams, even buy them
and tie them!
As ever old winter, with snowdrifts and
sleet,
Transmutes the whole town into Santa
Claus street!

—Elizabeth Newport Hepburn in New
York Times.

Old Soldier Gives Recommendation
Gustav Wangelin, Commander of
G. A. R. Post, Pickmeville, Ill., writes:
"I highly recommend Foley Kidney
Pills which I prefer to all others I
have used. Foley Kidney Pills give
quick relief from backache, rheumatic
gains, stiff, swollen joints, languid-
ness, kidney trouble and sleep disturb-
ing bladder ailments. F. A. Morris,
Canfield—adv."

Our observation that money doesn't
mean more to a man after he gets
so he doesn't know how much pocket
change he's got.

GERMANY MUST QUIT BY SPRING

Collapse Is Predicted by Ameri-
can Who Recently Escaped
From Country.

PEOPLE SUFFERING ACUTELY

Internal Conditions Far Worse Than
Pictured—Some War Loans to Be
Repudiated—Austria Is Un-
able to Break Away.

Zurich.—An American citizen has
arrived here with an amazing story of
internal conditions in Germany.

Since war was declared this man,
whose identity is kept secret at his
own request, has lived in Germany.
He has worked with Germans, dwelt
with them, been one of them, and has
acquired an intimate knowledge of
conditions existing in Germany.

In his opinion Germany is suffering
acutely now, and dissatisfaction and
worse reign in certain strata of her
army and navy. Recent mutinous up-
risings have had to be sternly re-
pressed and the mutineers shot.

Thoughtful Germany, he thinks, com-
prising men of the Ballin type, is de-
sperately eager for peace, and secretly
eager to end the war before America
has been utterly alienated.

Feared Army Service.
This man left Germany early in Oc-
tober, because he had reason to fear
that he was to be impressed for mili-
tary service.

"The economic situation in Ger-
many," he says, "is far worse than
any one on the outside realizes, is so
critical that I for one look for a
break, a collapse, next spring or late
in the winter. Nor are the good crops
that one hears boasts about every one
in so often going to change the situa-
tion materially.

"Throughout the German people
there is what amounts to a hatred of
America, and this hatred has been
carefully concentrated on President
Wilson, because it is easier to hate
a man than a nation—especially a na-
tion that is the home of pretty nearly
every one's relative.

Do Not Hate America.
"But the big men of Germany, the
men who have to look ahead and
guide the empire after the war, do not
hate America. They feel too keenly
that they need America, and they
would like to stem the tide of hate be-
fore it becomes mutual and the United
States is alienated, perhaps for all
time.

"They know that after the war there
is only one country in the world where
they can get the money they will need,
America, and they are worrying a-plenty
nowadays.

"They, and all Germany, want in-
creasingly a peace that shall specify,
among other things, the right to pur-
chase raw as well as finished materials
anywhere in the world on the same
terms as any other nation.

"Every indication points to probable
confiscation of property and repudia-
tion of perhaps half the war loans af-
ter the war. Even the percentage of
property to be confiscated is being
talked of, and it seems probable that
the government will take 20 per cent
of everything.

To Nullify War Loans.

"On the other hand, it seems prob-
able from all I hear that an even half
of all outstanding war loans will be
nullified. Fifty per cent will be repaid,
and the other 50 per cent will either
be canceled or will merely continue to
pay interest—will be a sort of perpet-
ual investment, the capital for which
cannot be realized.

"As surely as anything can be pre-
dicted there will be in the central pow-
ers a series of laws forbidding emigra-
tion, and in anticipation of them count-
less Germans today are talking about
ways and means of getting away af-
ter the war. The first German ship
that lands in America after hostilities
will leave 70 per cent of its crew be-
hind.

"It is becoming clearer and clearer
to Germans every day that all the
talk that has gone the rounds about a
'Central Europe' after the model of
Professor Naumann and others will be
out of the question.

"Contrary to the belief that seems
to be almost universal outside of Ger-
many, I really believe that pan-Ger-
manism is on the decrease among the
masses of the people, and this despite
the increased noise about it every-
where in Germany and the intensive
way in which it is being encouraged.
The reason for this is that more and
more the German people are coming
to realize what a catastrophe it will
be for them after the war is over if
they are hated in all the world. Pan-
Germanism, they are coming to feel,
is likely to intensify the feeling against
them, and thereby make their econ-
omic struggle in the future more diffi-
cult."

Butterflies Rob Bees.

Fresno, Cal.—Butterflies have be-
come so greedy in Fresno county that
honey bees have gone on strike, ac-
cording to C. R. Snyder, bee inspector
of this district. The butterflies have
been robbing the bees of the nectar in
flowers, and finally the honey makers
became sort of discouraged, and re-
cently the bees have virtually been do-
ing no work at all. Inspector Snyder
says there has been but little feed
because of the lack of spring rains.

How to Check Croup Quickly

There is one reliable remedy for
croup that every mother should know.
Mrs. Sweet Clary, Ante, Va., writes:
"I think Foley's Honey and Tar is
the best medicine I ever tried. My
little son nearly had croup. I gave
him one dose and it stopped him
coughing in about five minutes." Re-
lieves coughs, colds, lagrippe. F. A.
Morris, Canfield—adv."

The reason we think a woman is
smarter than a man is because she
can look at other women and tell what
kind of corsets they are wearing.

What the Christmas "Waits" Sing

SANTA CLAUS being about to de-
sert the city streets for his annual
reindeer ride over the roofs, the
"waits" prepare to sing their centuries
old carols.

In several American cities has been
revived the beautiful old custom of the
"waits" going about from house to
house singing the familiar old songs.
Light the Christmas candles in your
window if you want them to stop be-
fore your home!

God rest you merry, gentlemen; let
nothing you dismay—

they will surely sing that, perhaps the
best known of all old English carols.
And this too:

Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn king.

And, of course, "O Little Town of
Bethlehem."

Perhaps, too, they will sing what is
said to be the earliest known Christ-
mas carol, dating from the Anglo-Nor-
man days of the thirteenth century,
which begins:

Lordings, listen to our lay—
We have come from far away
To seek Christmas.

In this mansion we are told
He his yearly feasts doth hold;

'Tis today!
May joy come from God above
To all those who Christmas love.

This carol ends with the toast of
those days:

"Here, then, I bid you all wassail,
curbed be he who will not say drink-
hall." "Wassail" meaning your health
and "drinkhall" being the usual and
courteous acknowledgment.

One of the best known of all the old
carols, although not one of the oldest,
was written by Nahum Tate in 1703
and is called the "Song of the Angels."
It begins:

While shepherds watched their flocks
by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around.

Many are the carols in which Brit-
ain's ancient holly figures. "Then
drink to the holly berry," pledges one
writer of songs, while another in "Un-
der the Holy Bough" summons "All ye



Singing at the Doors.

who have scorned each other or injur-
ed friend or brother, come gather here."

And then there's that grand old hymn
"Adeste Fideles," sung in every church
in this land and in others, at this
Christmas season:

Oh, come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!

Come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem!

Christmas would not be Christmas,
of course, if the "waits" were to ne-
glect one of the most beautiful of
old carols:

Holy night, peaceful night!

Through the darkness beams a light.

Holy night, peaceful night!

Through the darkness beams a light!

Yonder, where they sweet vigils keep
O'er the babe who, in silent sleep,
Rests in heavenly peace,
Rests in heavenly peace.

If there are any of you who have
in mind an after Christmas dinner even-
ing of song to the accompaniment of a
harpichord, a spinet, a lute or a piano
or even the modern and much adver-
tised disk machine, it might be well to
try this on the company:

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing,"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!

joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim
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